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SUBJECT: IRELAND UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT GITMO UIGHURS

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1. (S) In a private meeting October 7, the Ambassador delivered reftel points to Dermot Gallagher, Secretary General of the DFA. Gallagher frankly told the ambassador that Ireland would not accept GITMO Uighurs because of their bad experience with the Church of the Nativity occupier they had accepted. (Note: The USG and GOI suspect Jihad Ja'arah, of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Battalion, of ongoing terrorist activity.)

2. (S) On October 11, emboff delivered the same demarche at the working level. Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Section First Secretary Gavan O'Leary and Asia and Oceania Deputy Director James McIntyre said that they needed to consult internally with other sections and then with the Department of Justice's Reception and Integration section before taking a decision on accepting Uighurs from Guantanamo Bay. Notwithstanding their response, SecGen Gallagher's clear "no" to the ambassador is likely to stand.
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